



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 27, 2011

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: House Bill 2335 (presidential ballot; president; vice-president)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I signed HB 2335, which proposes to add the name of the Vice Presidential candidates to the general election ballot below the Presidential candidates. Although I support adding the name of the Vice Presidential candidates to the ballot as this bill proposes to do, it contains an error that will cause voter confusion by requiring the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to be listed separately from the names of the presidential electors, who currently appear next to the surname of the Presidential candidate.

The voters elect presidential electors and do not vote for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates themselves. Thus, it would not be appropriate to ask voters to cast a vote for these candidates separate from a vote for the presidential electors as required by the bill. I have spoken with the bill's sponsor, Representative Jack Harper, and he has assured me that he will introduce legislation to fix this error before the 2012 general election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

cc: The Honorable Russell Pearce
The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable Jack Harper
Senate Secretary
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Arizona News Service